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March 25, 2014

Re: Southern Parcel of the Northfield Extension Ecological Evaluation
Chevron USA, Inc.
Perth Amboy, Middlesex County, New Jersey
SRP PI# 003621
RPC000005

Dear Mr. Tjho:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is concerned that an ecological evaluation has not been conducted in the southern parcels of the North Field Extension which is owned by Chevron/Buckeye. The northern parcels are being addressed by NFE, LLC.

The Department visited the site on March 12, 2014. The Department's overriding ecological concern is that the entire 29 -acre North Field Extension is an environmentally sensitive natural resource (ESNR) and must be investigated and the contamination delineated pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:26E-1.16, 3.6 (b), and 4.8, and NJDEP's *Ecological Evaluation Technical Guidance* (EETG), August 2012. The Department observed the site to be undeveloped, consisting of forested uplands, estuarine intertidal and freshwater wetlands, with areas of open water (possibly seasonal) and a flowing channel.

Chevron should submit an ecological investigation workplan to address the southern parcels of the North Field Extension. The Department's position is that a good ecological evaluation of the entire North Field Extension (northern and southern parcels) requires interaction between all parties involved including NFE, LLC, Chevron/Buckeye, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Department.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (609) 292-3007.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Pavelka".

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